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So many inquiries have lately been made relative to the time the new Certificate now being engraved for the Department by Messrs Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York, will be finished, and to give the members of the Department all the information received here in regard to it, the following letter is published.—Those who inspected the design for the Certificate, as prepared by Nahl, will not be surprised at the length of time required by the Engravers to to execute the work in a proper manner. The appropriation made by the Council will, it is said, not be sufficient to cover the expense of the plate, but that it will cost the Engravers at least $6000, which, together with number of impressions to be struck off for the use of the Department, will increase the sum to at least $7000.—The Engraving when completed, will be the most chaste and elegant affair ever gotten up on this continent, and will reflect great credit upon the taste and liberality of those interested in the matter:

New York, January 20th, 1855.

To the Secretary of the San Francisco Fire Department:—

Dear Sir:—Since receipt of your esteemed favor of 14th August, informing us that the Committee on Engraving for the San Francisco Fire Department, had honored us with the appointment as a special committee to attend to the inspection of the plate now being engraved for the Department by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of this city, also conveying instructions for our guidance relative to same, we have individually called on the above firm, and have given the business all the attention requisite during the prosecution of the work. We would however apologize for our neglect in not reporting to the Department before this, which has been caused by our absence from the city at different times, and also other engagaments interfering with our meeting.

During our interview with Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, they explained the cause of the delay in commencing the engraving. It seems that at the time Mr. Boruck applied to them to undertake the work, he was not furnished with proper authority from the Department, necessary to effect a contract for an engraving of so much magnitude, and it was not until the receipt of the official authority, in February last, that the above firm considered the work as having been positively placed in their hands. After that time, owing to the unusual demand for artists, they were obliged to send to Europe for the purpose of engaging artists of the requisite talent to come to this city, before the plate could be commenced, and since their arrangements were completed, in June last, the engraving has been constantly under progress.

A few days since we called on the above firm, and were shown the design, and also the plate, now supposed to be nearly two-thirds advanced, but as the design is so very elaborate and details so numerous, the progress is necessarily very slow, and they cannot give any assurance of the completion of the engraving under five or six months from this time. We are satisfied that they are determined to spare no expense or exertions in order to have the plate finished in snch a manner as to reflect great credit on themselves, and also to give entire satisfaction to the Department, and we are confident that it will prove the finest and best finished piece of work ever executed in this country. The Engraving cannot be hurried, or completed in a short time without risk of imperfections and heing slighted in the finish.

The various portions of the engraving are executed by as many artists, and only one can work at a time, and then for a few hours only, on account of the large size of the plate; it is then taken charge of by another artist, and thus constantly kept under progress.

Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Elson say that it is one of the most difficult pieces to engrave they have ever had placed in their hands, and that the design and drawing reflects great credit on the artist from whom it emenates, and that it will be their pride to furnish a copy on steel which will favorably compare with the original. All they desire is time, as they have engaged in the work more as a matter of pride than profit, and you may be assured that it is to their interests to finish the plate in the shortest possible time.

Assuring the Fire Department of San Francisco of our attention to the duties assigned to us, we trust that the above report will prove saisfactory. We are, very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,
Alfred De Witt,
Geo. A. Van Bokkelen.

PITTSBURGH.

The fire engines and hose carriages in Pittsburgh, which belong to the coporation, together with the safe in the Mayor's office, were advertised last month to be sold at Sheriff's sale, to satisfy a judgment against the city for $500.

If the Department in that city, allow their apparatus to be taken and sold, even though they do belong to the city; they are unworthy the name of Firemen. What is $500 out of their individual pockets in such a case. If the city has not sufficient respect for itself to liquidate the claim, let the Firemen do it, and take the honor arising therefrom.

FROM ABROAD.

Baltimore.—The following respecting the Mechanical Engine Company, of Baltimore, will prove of interest to many in this city:

Of the early history of the Mechanical Fire Co. but little is known. That it was organized in the year 1763 is a fact well attested, but the only book now in its possession, and embracing a period from 1769 to 1804, is one entitled "The Day Book of the Mechanical Fire Company, 1769," in which accounts are kept against the members for quarterage and fines, in the old Maryland currency—seven shillings and sixpence to the dollar. From entries therein, we learn that in 1769 David Shields was treasurer, and from four leaves of a record book of the company, found in pulling down an old house in Ruxton Lane, some yeare since, we learn that in 1783 David Shields was president, and continued to fill the chair until 1812. Each member was at that time furnished at the company's expense with two fire buckets, and a bag to hold small articles saved from a fire—these were required at every fire; the buckets were intended for the purpose of filling the engine in the absence of hose. The members were also required to be at a fire in time to work the engine, and to remain until it was returned to the engine house; and for any failure in discharge of these duties, fines were imposed, varying from three pence to seven shillings and sixpence. Three members were appointed each quarter to stand at the door of a building on fire, as a sort of property guard. We presume that the Maine Law was not yet thought of, for we find that on the 3d of December, 1769, Jacob Myers was "allowed five shillings for liquor at the moving of the engine house." We find among the names of members about this period, that John McDonough (who afterwards became the millionaire of New Orleans,) was fined several times the sum of seven shillings and sixpence for not working the engine. The succession of the president is as follows: David Shields, 1783 to 1812, twenty-nine years; Thos B. Sheppard, 1812 to 1830, eighteen years; Hezekiah Niles, 1830 to 1834, four years; Joseph K. Stapleton, 1834 to 1837, three years; Thomas M. Locke, 1837 to 1853, sixteen years; Francis H. B Boyd, Sept 1853 to 1854 William McKim, the present incumbent, was elected in January last.—Phillip E. Thomas was secretary from 1804 to 1814, and Wm. Baker from 1814 to 1836. The present secretary, John Furlong, was elected in 1839. The late and lamented John Dukehart was chief engineer from 1796 to 1842, forty-six years.

The company has at this time upon its roll—and nearly all of them still occasionally do good service at fires—one member who during the snow and ice of fifty winters has promptly responded to the summons of the alarm bell, another of forty years membership, and another of thirty-five years, and thirteen others of over twenty years standing.

Louisville.—By the Report of the Secretary of the Louisville Fire Department, it appears that for the year ending March 10, 1855, there have been 74 fires, destroying property to the amount of $146,750. There have also been 24 false alarms during the same time. The Department numbers eight engine companies and one Hook and Ladder company, manned by about four hundred men. The 'Kentucky,' 'Rescue,' and 'Hope,' have received entire new engines within the year, and the 'Relief' and 'Hope,' new four wheeled hose carriages from New York. A steam engine was being built, and would be shortly ready for service. The Department appears, from the document quoted from, to be well organized, but the secretary holds the following in regard to the citizens of the place, in which we believe there is decidedly more truth than poetry:

"The various companies are not as large in point of numbers as in former years, which is attributable in a great degree to the fact that the firemen have discovered that with the great body of those whose duty it is to countenance and support them, they are looked upon and treated as mere tools or instruments of convenience—when their services are required, when they are periling life and limb for the preservation of property, all are ready and willing to exclaim, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" But when the emergency is past, the services rendered and the benefits derived are soon forgotten, and the firemen are never more thought of, until a similar crisis again arises. This is not as it should be, and our gallant firemen feel it, and act accordingly."

New Orleans.—The corner stone of a monument to the memory of Daniel S. Woodruff and William McLeod, members of Mississippi Engine Company No. 2, of New Orleans, was laid in Greenwood Cemetery, in that city, on the 17th of March. Both of the above named were killed in the discharge of their duty as firemen. The ceremonies attendant upon laying the corner stone, were taken part in by the Masonic fraternity, the mayor and common council, many of the leading merchants of the city, and a large number of the firemen. The procession to the grave is said to have been the most imposing ever seen in New Orleans.

New York.—The Fire Insurance Companies of New York have petitioned the common council to provide two steam engines for the use of the lower part of the city.

Cincinnati.—Miles Greenwood, the late Chief Engineer of the Cincinnati Fire Department, has been nominated by a portion of the press for Mayor of that city.

The clipper ship 'Neptune's Car,' arrived from New York on Wednesday, in 97 days.

OFFICERS OF THE
SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following is a complete list of the Officers of the Sacramento Fire Department, together with the names of those composing the Board of Delegates of the same:

OFFICERS.

HENRY POLLEY, - - Chief Engineer.
P. McDOWELL, - - First Assistant.
JAS. W. HAINES, - - Second do.

Confidence Engine, No. 1.
C J Torbert, foreman; W B Hunt, first assistant; W A Kirby, 2d ass't; J H Parnell, Secretary.

Mutual H. and L. Co, No. 1.
N A H Ball, foreman; E J Barroll, 1st ass't: T N Wand, 2d ass't; J W Bigney, secretary.

Tehama Hose Co. No. 1.
W C Felch, foreman; W H Blawvelt, 1st ass't; Egbert Mott, secretary.

Protection Engine Co. No. 2.
W Arents, foreman; L Wilsey, 1st ass't; J Loryea, 2d ass't; H Kaufman, secretary.

Albert H. and L. Co. 2.
I Lohman, foreman; J L Polhemus. assistant.

Sacramento, Engine Co. No 3.
I M Hubbard, foreman; T Hansbrow, 1st ass't: J Q Treat, 2d ass't; S B Robbins, secretary.

Eureka Engine Co. No. 4.
W H Jones, foreman; R W Wilcox, 1st ass't; J Greenebaum, 2d ass't; J R Quin, secretary.

Knickerbocker Engine Co. No 5.
John C Keenan, foreman; P Holland, 1st ass't; D Clark, 2d ass't; J F Hall, secretary.

BOARD OF DELEGATES:

Henry Polley, Chief Engineer, ex-officio President.
Paxton McDowell, 1st ass't do " 1st V. P.
Jas. W Haines, 2d do do " 2d do
Francis R Folger, Secretary.
N A H Ball, Treasurer.

Engine 1—C J Torbert, J F Dreman, C H Shaw;
H & L. 1—N A H Ball, G Rowland, T J Houpt;
Hose 1—W C Felch, W H Blauvelt, E M Smith;
Engine 2—W Arents, J Hays, J H Housman;
H & L. 2—I Lohman, J L Polhemus. W B H Dodson.
Engine 3—I M Hubbard, J H Cooper, D S Hayden;
Engine 4—W H Jones, F R Folger, J Greenebaum;
Engine 5—J C Keenan, J F Hall, R H Stanley.

The Board meets on the first Tuesday in each month.

The following Resolutions were passed by the Eureka Fire Engine Company, No. 1, of Marysville, after their return from their late visit to Sacramento:

Resolved, that the thanks of this company be and the same are hereby presented to the California Steam Navigation Company and the Citizens' Steam Navigation Company, for tendering us a free passage in their boats to and from Sacramento.

Resolved, That to Knickerbocker Engine Company, No. 5, and the Fire Department generally of Sacramento, we are indebted for one of the most pleasurable events of our lives, and that the hand of friendship so freely extended by them, will ever be remembered by us with feelings of gratitude and admiration.

Resolved, That we hereby invite our brother firemen of Sacramento to visit our city at such time as suits their convenience, and that we will endeavor to reciprocate that generous hospitality of which we have had such recent proof.

Resolved, That the meed of praise is due and rendered by us to the citizens of Sacramento, for the welcome reception and kind treatment we received at their hands, on our late visit to that city.

Resolved, That to Capt. Barclay, of the Queen City, and Capt Chadwick, of the Helen Hensley, we return our sincere thanks for their efforts to make our trip one of pleasure.

Resolved, That to our brother firemen of Marysville, who, by their presence, greeted our return, and escorted us home, we pledge a remembrance of the act of courtesy and friendship.

By order of the Company.

J. B Humphrey, Foreman.

Marysville, April 18th, 1855.

Be Short.—Why not? What is the use of dwelling. If given to long-windedness, study the dictionary, so as to find out the precise word to express your meaning. This seems a queer rule, but it has cogent reasons for its use. The reason why some employ half a dozen adjectives when one well chosen would answer better, is that they cannot recall the exact word they need. They fish for another. Sometimes a verbose style comes of attempting by grand words, signifying sound and nothing else, to give the impression of knowledge. No language is like fit language, which does not belittle the idea, and which the idea to be expressed does not belittle.

Fire Record.—During the year just ended there have been 245 fires in Baltimore; 249 false alarms. The damage caused by the destroying element amounted to $534 373, whilst the insurance on the same was $334,518—being a total loss of $199,855. During the year 1853 there were 258 fires, by which property to the amount of $227,591 was destroyed; showing that while there were fifty fires more than in 1854, the destruction of property was less by $306,782.

Kind and benevolent propensities were the original growth of the heart of man; and however checked and overtopped by counter inclinations that have since sprung up within us, have still some force in the worst of tempers, and a considerable influence on the best.

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, ... Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 28, 1855.

FIREMEN'S MEETINGS,

Empire Co, No. 1—Friday evening May 4
Howard Co, No. 3—Wednesday Evening, May 2.
California Co. No. 4—Saturday Evening May 5
Knickerbocker Co, No. 5—Tuesday evening, May 1.
Monumental Co, No. 6—Tuesday evening May 1.
Volunteer Co, No. 7—Thursday evening May 3.
Pacific Co. No. 8—Tuesday Evening. May 1.
Columbian Co, No. 11—Wednesday evening May 2
Pennsylvania Co, No 12—Wednesday even'g May 2
Young America Co, No. 13—Friday evening, May 4.
St. Francis H & L 1—Wednesday even'g, May 2
Lafayette H & L 2—Tuesday evening, May 1.
Sansome H & L 3—Tuesday evening, May 1.

The Sacramento correspondent of the *Herald*, in his letter under date April 24th, has the following:

The bill in relation to the Fire Department, that passed the Assembly yesterday, is one of more importance than is generally thought, from the fact, that it repeals a portion of the present City Charter, and thereby repeals the whole Charter. It has been adroitly passed in the Assembly, but will meet a severe scrutiny in the Senate. The same legal objections to its passage will be raised to the passage of a bill that was introduced to appropriate half the fines of the City Recorder's Court to the use of the Orphan Asylum in San Francisco. This is a strange way to repeal your City Charter, and leave you without a Municipal Government, and would form a plausible pretext for an extra session of the Legislature, and would thereby bring on a Senatorial Election that would result in the return of a man obnoxious to the people, from the beginning to the end.

We are at a loss to conceive the meaning of the above, for we are perfectly confident that the Fire Department of this city, have taken no such action as that imputed to them, and if any one in Sacramento has seen fit to take the liberty of using the Fire Department, to attain any ulterior object of their own, they have committed a base and unmitigated cheat, and have been obtaining privileges from the Legislature under false pretences. It is true that the Board of Delegates on the 22nd of March last were called upon to consider an act to be submitted to the Legislature, for the better government of the Department, the principle points of that act, were for the purpose of allowing the Chief Engineer the power to appoint his own clerk; to allow him to be present when the Fire and Water Committee opened bids and awarded contracts for work to be done for the Department. It also called for the payment of a salary of $1800 a year to the Secretary of the Department, and $2100 a year to the Bell Ringers; and it gave the President of the Board of Delegates and the Secretary of the Fire Department, the power to administer oaths on all matters concerning the Department, without receiving any fees for the same. As to anything further, of a special nature the act did not set forth. When it came before the Board of Delegates, it was a well understood thing that the person most to be benefited by it was the present Chief Engineer, who many of the members of the Department thought was too much restricted, and had not sufficient control over matters appertaining to the Department. But as to the Board or the individual members of the Fire Department being a party to carrying out a great political measure, we deny it, and say most emphatically that it is false from beginning to end. The act in question was given in charge of a commttoee of the Board of Delegates, consisting of Franklin L. Jones, President of the Board; D. C. McCarthy, of Empire 1; G. H. Hossefross, of Monumental 6; C. S. Biden, of Crescent 10; and Col. Mahoney, of Sansome H. & L. 3. The Chief Engineer, not being a member of the Board, was added to the committee, through courtesy. We deny that those gentlemen were a party to the adroit passage of the bill spoken of by the Herald correspondent. We know them too well to suppose for an instant that they would endanger the Department by any such action. That they and the whole Department have been imposed upon, we are willing to admit, for we have been informed, upon what we consider undoubted authority, that the "Bill which passed the Board of Delegates, and that which passed the Assembly, "and is now before the Senate, has been so "amended, altered and changed that the person in this city, who engrossed it, could not detect the original. We shall publish the original as it passed the Board of Delegates, next week, and then all can judge for themselves. Of our own knowledge, we are not prepared to speak, but if the information which has been imparted to us by others can be relied upon, we think we can safely say to those individuals who have thus tampered with the fair name of the Department, and have sought to degrade it by connecting it with a political measure, that though the Assembly and Senate may pass the Bill alluded to in the above extract, and the Governor sign it, yet the Department will indignantly repudiate it, and treat with merited scorn and contempt those who have been instrumental in having it passed.

The Military and their guests of this city, who lately visited Sacramento, express themselves delighted with the attentions and courtesies extended by the members of Confidence Engine Company No. 1, of that city. In the absence of any military organization, the "Confidence boys" took matters in their own hands, and were profuse in everything that would in the least tend to the happiness and comfort of their visitors. A magnificent collation was spread in their engine house, where the best that Sacramento could afford was in abundance. Speeches were made by Gov. Bigler, Lt. Gov. Purdy, Generals Wool, Sutter, and others, and the whole affair passed off to the utmost satisfaction of those taking part in the same. The kindness of the Confidence boys will not be forgotten.

On the arrival of the military in this city after their excursion, they were received by the First Light Dragoons, Capt. Rowell, and by them escorted to their Armory, where a fine collation was spread for them.

The Secretaries of the various Companies in the Department are notified, that the printed forms upon which the semi-annual returns of the position of their respective rolls are to be made, will be ready for delivery at the office of the Secretary of the Department, on Tuesday next, May 1st. For the purpose of keeping the affairs of the Department in a correct and proper manner, the Secretaries should be prompt in making their returns, and by so doing they will greatly facilitate the work of computing the time of members of the Department in the new Book of Registry. As it is the desire of the Secretary of the department to have the rolls entirely corrected by the next regular meeting of the Board of Delegates, on the 9th May, he has requested us to state that he will be in his office every day until that time, from 8 A. M. till 2 P. M., to receive the returns.

Mr. Thomas D. Greene, secretary of Sansome H. & L. Co. No. 3, met with a serious and annoying accident on Sunday evening last, as the truck was rolling to the fire on Dupont street. Mr. G. had the tiller of the truck, and while in the act of passing it over to another member of the company, the front wheel struck some object in the street, which threw the tiller suddenly, knocking Mr. Greene down, and breaking his left wrist badly. Medical aid being speedily called, the wounded limb was skilfully set by Dr. Bertody, and Mr. G. is now in a fair way of recovery, although it will be many weeks before he will have the perfect use of his arm.

The magnificent steam-ship "Golden Gate," of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company's Line, Capt. A. V. H. Leroy, leaves on Tuesday next, May 1st, at 9 o'clock, A. M. For fleetness and accommodations, the "Gate" has no equal on this coast, and those who take passage in her may rest assured that every attention will be shown them, and convenience afforded. The railroad being completed across the Isthmus, all the difficulties which formerly attended the Panama route have been obviated.

Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, C. Walsh, foreman, turned out on Tuesday evening for practice. The engine used by this company is now thirty-two years old, and was built by James Smith, of New York. She took suction at the cistern on the corner of Sansome and Sacramento streets, and played through one thousand feet of hose, with 3-4 and 1-16th inch nozzle, forcing a stream of water six feet over the Rassette House, on the corner of Sansome and Bush streets, the whole height being seventy-two feet.

Howard Engine Company, No. 3, was out for practice on Saturday evening last. Drafting from the cistern at the corner of Kearney and Pacific street, through two lengths of suction hose, leading up Kearney street, through eight hundred and fifty feet of hose, to the highest point of the hill, and through a $\frac{7}{8}$ inch nozzle, the "Howard" forced water to the height of fifty feet. The "boys" feel confident, however, that had not the wind been blowing very hard at the time, and the hose breaking, they would have accomplished a much higher point. They promise if they are beaten in the above, to try it again. The raise of the hill is about one hundred and thirty-two feet.

On account of the great press upon our columns to day, we are compelled to lay over our theatrical notices and other interesting items. We shall make amends for this next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We present this morning to our readers the following correspondence between the manager of the American Theatre and the Fire Department. May we ask the citizens of San Francisco to respond cordially to his liberality, and by their presence on the evening in question, serve to increase a charity, the founders of which are desirous, as soon as a sufficient amount is accumulated, to devote to the care, not only of those of our Association who may be disabled while in the performance of their duties, but to the widows and orphans of those of the Department who die in the fulfilment of their calling:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25, 1855.

M. D. BORUCK, ESQ., Secretary
of San Francisco Fire Department.

Dear Sir:—By the last issue of the "Fireman's Journal," I observe that the Fund of the Fireman's Benevolent Association is not considered sufficient to accomplish the object for which that noble charity was designed. To protect from want and cold neglect the loved ones of those who have sacrificed their lives in efforts to save life and property, we should all most gladly contribute.

With this object in view I ask the privilege of tendering to the Department, in behalf of the management of the American Theatre, and those connected therewith, a Benefit for this Fund, and if accepted, would respectfully suggest the evening of the 4th May be selected—that being the anniversary of the great fire, and with it will come the memory of good service done by the generous Firemen of San Francisco.

Truly yours,
VOLNEY SPALDING, Manager.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
S. F. Fire Department.

Mr. VOLNEY SPALDING, Manager
American Theatre.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of this morning, tendering to the Fire Department, through myself, a benefit in aid of their Charitable Fund, at your Theatre, on the evening of the 4th May, next.

I have to state, in reply, that in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Delegates, passed in August last, referring all matters of that nature to the Board of Trustees of the Charitable Fund, I have enclosed your kind communication to them for further action.

I take the opportunity, however, of thanking you, on behalf of the Department, for your liberal offer, assuring you that the motives which prompt the same will be duly appreciated by the members thereof.
Sincerely, Yours,
MARCUS D. BORUCK,
Sec'y, S. S. F. D.

San Francisco, April 25, 1855.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25, 1855.

Mr. VOLNEY SPALDING,
Manager American Theatre.

Dear Sir:—We are in receipt of a note from M. D. Boruck, Esq., Secretary of the S. F. F. Department, accompanied by a communication from yourself, offering the Department a Benefit in aid of their Charitable Fund, to take place on the evening of the 4th May, at your Theatre. We accept the same with pleasure, on behalf of the Department, and trust the Fund may be materially increased by the kind efforts of yourself and Company, being liberally seconded by our citizens. Accept for ourselves individually, our heartfelt acknowledgments for your kindness.

BEVERLY C. SANDERS,
Pres't. F. B. A.
E. L. SULLIVAN,
Secretary F. B. A.

THE FIERY ORDEAL.

A story of the Pacific, wherein is set down a view of the vicissitudes of life, showing that fire kindled in the heart of man is as equally destructive to his soul, as the devouring element is to his body.

BY SOLITAIRE.

We have secured for our Journal the promise of a story from the graphic pen of "*Solitaire*" which we feel assured will embrace local reminiscences of the past in San Francisco, full of interest not only to the early '49er but every recent resident of our state. It is his intention to treat on the subject of *fire*, (one peculiarly suited to our Journal,) not merely as a flame, consuming material things, scathing the cottage and crumbling the palace, but mingled with the incidents which marked the sweeps of the element across our city, he will show a few of those heart BURNINGS which have left their scars behind upon the human sufferer, long since the ashes of destroyed habitations have been blown into the waters of the bay, and the charred pathway of old San Francisco, has been buried beneath the foundations of some of her present stately edifices. We have no doubt, from the well known talents of the author, that this will be a fiery theme, told in burning words. The first chapter will appear in our issue of the 12th of May.

We have been shown by Mr. D. T. Van Orden, of Empire Engine Co. 1, an elegant lithograph of the new Firemen's Hall in the city of New York. It is a grand and imposing building, and if the interior is as substantial as the outside appears to be, the Firemen of the Empire City have an edifice dedicated to their uses, which they may well be proud of. The Fire and Water Committee of our Council would do well to examine the lithograph we speak of.

DR. J. S. STACKPOLE
CORNER FIRST AND MARKET STS.,
SAN FRANCISCO.

Second Assistant Engineer Wheeler was seriously injured at the fire in Sacramento street on Saturday evening, by falling into the cistern at the corner of Long Wharf and Battery street. His right leg was badly bruised, confining him to his bed for several days; he is now, however, almost well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

☞ **Empire No, 1.—The regular monthly** meeting will be held on Friday evening next, May 4th, at 7½ o'clock, in the Chambers of the Board of Delegates, City Hall. By Order, A. A. HOBE Sec'y

☞ **Howard No. 3. Attention.—The regular** monthly meeting of the Company will be held on Wednesday evening next May 2ond, at 7½ o'clock.
By Order, CHAS. L BARRUS, Sec'y

☞ **California, No. 4, Attention!—The** regular monthly meeting of your Company will be held on Saturday evening, next May 5th, at 7 1-2 o'clock.
By order, A. T. GREEN, Secretary.

☞ **Knickerbocker No. 5.—The regular** monthly meeting of your Company, will be held on Tuesday evening next May 1st, at 7½ o'clock;
By Order, E. S. SPEAR, Sec'y

☞ **Monumental No. 6.—The regular month**ly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next May 1st, at 7½ o'clock, By Order,
CHAS. M. CHASE, Secretary.

☞ **Volunteer No. 7. The regular monthly** meeting will be held on Thursday evening next May 3rd, at 7½ o'clock. By Order, G. A. DAVIS, Sec'y

☞ **Pacific No 8—The regular monthly** meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next May 1st, at 7½ o'clock. By Order, C WALSH, Foreman.
D. O. BROWN, Sec'y.

☞ **Columbian No. 11.—The regular month**ly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next, May 2nd, at 7½ o,clock. By Order,
ALEX. DEVOE, Foreman.

☞ **Pennsylvania No 12—The regular** monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next, at 7½ o'clock. By Order,
J. S. THOMSON, Sec'y

☞ **Young America No 13.—The regular** monthly meeting will be held on Friday evening next May 4th at 7½ o'clock. By order,
MICHAEL LYNCH, Secretary.

☞ **St Francis H. & L. 1.—The regular** monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next May 2nd, at 7½ o'clock. By Order,
JACOB EZEKIEL, Sec'y

☞ **Lafayette H. & L. 2—The regular month**ly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next May 1st at 7½ o'clock. By Order, ROCHE, Sec'y

☞ **Sansome H. & L. 3.—The regular month**ly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next May 1st, 7½ o'clock. By order, T. D. GREENE, Sec'y

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SAN FRANCISCO March 27th 1855.

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Josh Doolittle - - - - f Mr Silsbee
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After which the
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4—A two story FRAME HOUSE, lathed and plastered, and LOT on Dupont street. Lot 21 feet front by 58 feet deep,	5,000
5—LOT on Filbert st. in the 50 vara lot No 790, 37½ ft front by 137½ ft deep, with COTTAGE thereon,	3,000
6—Three story DWELLING HOUSE, (first story of brick,) and LOT, on the south-east corner of Sand and Clay sts; fronting 28 ft on Clay, and 71½ ft on Sand st; house lathed and plastered,	7,000
7—A two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st, commencing 200 feet west of the northwest cor. of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 20 ft front by 90 deep,	6,500
8—A two and a half story cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Bush st, between Stockton and Powell, fronting 23 feet on Bush st, and 68 feet 6 inches deep; hard finished,	4,250
9—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Powell st, commencing 98 ft south of the southeast cor. of Powell and Sutter; 39 ft front by 47½ ft deep,	2,000
10—An elegant two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Pacific street, commencing 96 ft 6 in. west of the southwest corner of Powell and Pacific, 23 ft front by 60 feet deep,	12,000
11—A two story frame dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the east side of Dupont street, between Lombard and Greenwich; lot 40 feet front by 120 feet deep,	4,500
12.—A three story splendid dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north-east corner of Powell and Clay streets, 20 ft front on Powell street, by 60 ft deep,	7,000
13—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, between Kearny and Dupont sts, 20 ft front by 60 deep,	2,500
14.—A genteel two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich street, commencing 100 feet west at the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich, 20 ft front by 90 ft deep,	6,500
15—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Sutter street, commencing 24 ft east of the south-east cor of Powell and Sutter sts, 23 ft 6 in. front and 60 feet deep,	2,500
16—A two story HOUSE and LOT on the east side of Pike street, commencing 23 ft 9 inches north of the north-east corner of Pike and Sacramento sts, 23 ft 9 in. front, by 36 ft 8 in. deep,	4,000
17—A two story basement and brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT, commencing 47 ft 6 in. north of the north-east corner of Sacramento and Pike sts, 21 ft 3 inches front by 36 feet 8 inches deep,	8,500
18—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Broadway bet Taylor and Jones sts; lot 23 ft 6 in by 60 feet deep,	1,500
19—A two story and basement HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Vallejo street, bet. Kearny and Dupont; 20 feet front by 60 feet deep,	3,000
20—An elegant two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Washington street, commencing 21 feet west of the south-west corner of Spofford and Washington sts, lot 20 feet six inches front by 60 feet deep,	12,000
21—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Powell street, commencing 60 feet south of the south-east cor. of Powell and Sutter sts: 20 ft front by 47 ft 6 in. deep,	1,500
22—A three story splendid private RESIDENCE and LOT on Powell st, commencing 20 feet north of the north-east corner of Powell and Clay streets, lot 20 feet front by 60 feet deep,	5,000
23—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on Stevenson street near Third; 20 ft front by 70 ft deep,	2,250
24—A three story frame HOUSE and LOT on the west side of Kearny st, bet. Broadway and Hinckley sts, lathed and plastered; lot 29 ft front, 62½ deep	5,500
25—A three story dwelling HOUSE and LOT, (first story of brick) on the west side of Spofford st, commencing 104 ft 6 in. south of the southwest cor. of Spofford and Washington streets, 33 feet front by 61 feet 9 inches deep.	7,500
26—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on the southwest corner of Sacramento and Leavenworth sts; 37½ ft front by 56 feet deep,	2,000
27—A two story brick HOUSE and LOT on the south-east corner of Hinckley street and Pinckney Place, 22 feet front by 30 feet deep,	4,000
28—A cottage HOUSE and LOT adjoining the last on the East, 18 ft front on Hinckly st, 30 ft deep	1,500
29—A cottage House and Lot, the same as the last, on the East,	1,500
30—A splendid two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Washington st, commencing 41 ft 6 in. west of the south-west corner of Spofford and Washington sts, fronting 20 ft 3 inches on Washington st, by 60 feet deep,	12,000
31—An elegant building LOT on Spofford street, commencing 64 feet 6 inches south of the south-west corner of Spofford and Washington sts, fronting 20 feet by 61 feet 9 inches deep,	2,500
32—A LOT adjoining on the south, same dimensions as the last,	2,500
33—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st, commencing 80 feet west of the northwest corner of Dupont and Greenwich; lot 20 ft front by 90 ft deep,	6,500
34—An elegant building LOT on the south-east corner of Sutter and Powell sts, fronting 24 feet on Sutter st by 69 feet on Powell st,	3,000
35—A splendid building LOT on the east side of Powell st, commencing 80 ft south of the south-east cor of Powell and Sutter sts, 18 ft front by 47½ deep,	1,000
36—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Read st, bet. Clay and Washington; lot 20 ft front by 60 ft deep,	1,000
37—A two story HOUSE and LOT on east side of Dupont street, between Pine and Bush, No 286: lot 20 by 60 feet,	4,500
38—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Pacific street, between Dupont and Stockton; lot 20 feet front by 65 feet deep,	4,500
39—A splendid three story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north-east corner of Sacramento and Pike streets: 23 ft front by 36 ft 8 inches deep,	7,500
40—A splendid two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Third street, between Bryant and Harrison, 25 feet front by 75 feet deep,	8,000
41—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, between Mason and Powell, in 50 vara lot No; 395; 20 feet by 75 feet in depth,	1,800
42—A splendid building LOT on the southwest corner of Washington and Priest sts, 31 ft on Washington st, by 37 ft 6 inches on Priest street,	1,000
43—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on Mission st, 90 ft east of the southeast corner of Johnson and Mission streets, 25 feet by 160 feet,	1,500
44—A splendid two story HOUSE and LOT in 50 vara lot No. 607, between Broadway and Pacific st, 23 feet by 133 feet 6 inches,	3,500
45—A genteel two story brick HOUSE and LOT on Dupont street, commencing 131 ft 8 in. north of the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 21 feet 8 inches by 80 feet in depth,	5,50
46—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, between Mason and Powell sts, in 50 vara lot No 395: 20 feet by 75 feet,	1,800
47—A two story HOUSE and LOT on Priest st, 77 ft 6 inches south of the south-west corner of Washington and Priest streets: 20 feet by 60 feet,	1,500
48—A genteel cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side of Union st, bet. Mason and Powell sts, in 50 vara lot No 395; 20 by 75 feet,	2,200
49 HOUSE and LOT on Priest st, commencing 57 ft 6 inches south of the south-west cor. of Washington and Priest sts; 20 feet by 60 feet,	1,200
50 A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Dupont st, commencing 153 feet 6 in. north of the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts, 21 ft 9 in. by 80 ft deep,	6,000
Total	$250,000

It is to be understood as a condition annexed to the sale of Shares in the above Association, that in case the property mentioned in the above List of Prizes is not conveyed to the respective winners of the same, free and clear from all incumbrances thereon, then they are to receive in cash the same amount that we were to pay the owner of the property. In order also to assure the public of the good faith of the Agents of this Association, and also prevent any fraud in the management of the same, the aggregate amount of said prizes will be deposited by us in the Banking Houses of LUCAS TURNER & CO., and B DAVIDSON, to be drawn by checks signed by us, and payable to the order of each respective winner by name, who, on the endorsement of said check, will receive the deed of the property mentioned in his respective Prize. And to prove, as far as lies in our power that this Association is all that we have represented, we beg leave to add, that the above List of Prizes is advertised only with the knowledge and by the consent of every property owner, and that we are acting as Agents for the Association.

☞ A meeting of the Shareholders will be called a week previous to the Drawing of the Prizes, to choose a committee to determine the mode of Distribution, which will take place on or before the 1st of May.

Plans of the above List of Prizes can be seen at the office of the Association, where the public is most respectfully invited.

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Steamer NEW WORLD, SAMUEL SEYMOUR, Master; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Steamer ANTELOPE, D. VAN PELT, Master; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

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a7 R. G. NOYES, President

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Arise! for the day is passing
While you lie dreaming on;
Your brothers are cased in armor,
And forth to the fight are gone,
Your place in the ranks awaits you;
Each man has a part to play;
The past and the future are nothing
In the face of the stern to-day.

Arise from your dreams of the future—
Of gaining a hard fought field,
Of storming the airy fortress,
Of bidding the giant yield;
Your future has deeds of glory,
Of honor; (God grant it may!)
But your arm will never be stronger,
Or needed as now—to-day.

Arise! if the past detain you,
Her sunshine and storms forget!
No chains so unworthy to hold you
As those of unworthy regret;
Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever.
Cast her phantom arms away!
Nor look back, save to learn the lesson
Of a nobler strife to-day.

Arise! for the hour is passing;
The sound that you dimly hear
Is your enemy marching to battle;
Rise! Rise! for the foe is near.
Stay not to brighten your weapons,
Or the hour will strike at last,
And from dreams of a coming battle,
You will waken and find it past.

We clip the following very appropriate article from the March number of Harpers' Magazine:

"TIGHT TIMES,"

"A good deal "about" as we write, is well personified in the following:

"This chap has come around again. He may be seen on 'Change every day. He bores our merchants, and seats himself cozily in lawyer's offices. He is everywhere.

"A great disturberer of the public quiet, a pestilent fellow, is this same 'Tight Times.'—Every body talks about him; every body looks out for him; every body hates him; and a great many hard words and not a few profane epithets are bestowed upon him. Every body would avoid him, if they could; every body would hiss him from 'Change, hustle him out of the city, kick him from the banks, throw him out of the stores, out of the hotels—but they can't. 'Tight Times' is a bore—he will stick like a brier.

"An impudent fellow is 'Tight Times.' Ask for a discount, and he looks over your shoulder, winks at the cashier, and your note is thrown out. Ask a loan of the usurers at one per cent. a month, he looks over your securities, and marks two and a half. Present a bill to your debtor, 'Tight Times' shrugs his shoulders, rolls up his eyes, and you must 'call again.' A wife asks for a fashionable brocade, and a daughter for a new bonnet, 'Tight Times' puts in his caveat, and the brocade and bonnet are postponed.

"A great depreciator of stocks is 'Tight Times.' He steps in among the brokers, and down go the 'favorites of the market.' He goes along the railroads in process of construction, and the Irishmen throw down their shovels and walk away.

"A great exploder of bubbles is 'Tight Times' He looks into the affairs of gold companies, and they fly to pieces; into 'kiting' banks, and they stop payment He walks around 'corner lots,' and draws a line across lithographic cities, and they disappear. He leaves his footprints among mines, and the rich metal becomes dross. He breathes upon the cunningest schemes of speculators, and they burst like torpedos.

"A hard master for the poor is 'Tight Times' —a cruel enemy to the laboring classes. He takes the mechanic from his bench, the laborer from his work, the hod-carrier from his ladder. He runs up the price of provisions, and he runs down the wages of labor. He runs up the price of food, and he runs down the ability to purchase it at any price. He makes little children hungry, and cry for food; cold, and cry for fire and clothing. He makes poor women sad, makes mothers weep, discourages the hearts of fathers, carries care and anxiety into families, and sits, a crouching desolation, in the corners and on the hearth-stones of the poor. A hard master to the poor is 'Tight Times.'

"He is a wanderer, too. Where he comes from, nobody knows; and where he goes, nobody knows. He flashes along the telegraph wires—he takes a free passage in the cars—he seats himself in the stage-coach, or goes along the turnpike on foot. He is in every great city—every rural district—every where.

"There is one way to avoid being bored by this troublesome fellow. It is the only way for a country, city, or town, as well as individual men, to keep out of his presence always. Let the country that would banish him beware of extravagance, of speculation, of over-trading, of embarking in visionary schemes of aggrandizement. Let the city that would exclude him be economical in its expenditures, going right along, taking care of its own interests, and husbanding its own resourses. Let the individual man who would exclude him from his domestic circle, be industrious, frugal, keeping out of the whirlpool of politics—laying by something when the sun shines, to make up for the dark days, for

"Some days *must* be dark and dreary;"

working on always in the cheerful hope of 'a good time coming.'"

CIRCULAR.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE 763—REORGANIZING THE Fire Department, and for the better regulation of the same.

The people of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1. The Fire Department shall consist of a Chief Engineer and three Assistant Engineers, a Board of Delegates and Fire Engine, Hose and Hook and Ladder men, formed into companies, the number of which shall not exceed twenty; and the Secretary of the Board shall be Secretary of the Fire Department.

SEC. 2 A company shall consist of a Foreman, and at least one Assistant Foreman, a Secretary and a Treasurer

An engine company shall not be allowed more than sixty-five certificate members, a Hook and Ladder company no more than sixty-five certificate members, and a Hose Company no more than twenty-five certificate members.

SEC. 3. It shall require at least twenty-five persons not under twenty one years of age to compose a company, all of which must have signed the constitution of the same, previous to their petition of admission; and they shall forward a copy of their constitution, together with the name of their officers and men and their residences, the situation in which they wish to locate, and a petition for admission into the Fire Department, to the Board of Delegates, whose duty it shall be to determine whether such addition is required by the Fire Department Whenever the Board by a majority vote of all its members, shall decide to recommend the admission of a company, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to forward to the Common Council a certificate of such recommendation, together with the petition of the company, the constitution of the same, the names of the officers and men, and their residence, and location desired. If such recommendation shall receive the approval of the Common Council, the company shall be declared admitted into the Fire Department, and shall be furnished with an engine or other fire apparatus, and a house for receiving the same, by the city. And no petition for the admission of any company will be entertained by the Common Council until it shall have received the recommendation of the Board of Delegates.

SEC. 4. Whenever an engine or hook and ladder company, by reason of deaths, resignations or expulsions, shall have reduced its roll to less than twenty-five certificate members, or a hose company to less than fifteen certificate members, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Delegates to notify the Chief Engineer and the Foreman of the Company of the fact. At the first regular meeting of the Board after such notice has been given, it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to that body the condition of the company, and the Board shall then declare whether such company shall be disbanded or continued in the Fire Department to be decided by a majority vote of the members composing the same.

SEC. 5 There shall be an election annually on the first Monday of December, for Chief Engineer and First, Second and Third Assistant Engineers, said election to be called by the Mayoy, by giving ten days notice in two or more of the daily newspapers, and held at such place as the Board of Delegates may designate. The polls to be kept open from nine o'clock, A M until 5 o'clock P. M, under the inspection of three judges, each from a different company, to be appointed by the Board of Delegates. The person having the highest number of votes for Chief Engineer shall be declared elected. For Assistant Engineers, the three persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared electted and shall rank as follows:—The person having the highest number of votes shall be the First Assistant Engineer; the person having the next highest number of votes shall be the Second Assistant Engineer; the person having the next highest number of votes shall be the Third Assistant Engineer. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Engineer, the Mayor shall call an election as herein before provided to fill such vacancy; but when a vacancy occurs in the office of First or Second Assistant Engineer, the officer next below in rank shall take the vacant office, and an election shall be ordered as above to fill the vacancy in the lower office, All contested elections for Engineers shall be decided by a vote of the Board, and should a tie vote occur in the office of Assistant Engineer, the rank of the same shall be decided by a vote of the Board. The elective term for each Engineer shall be for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 6 Each and every company shall at its stated meeting in October, in every year, elect two of its members as Delegates to the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department which board shall consist of two representatives from each fire company, who shall assemble on the second Wednesday of November, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., in the meeting room of the Board, and organize in conformity with the constitution of the same. They shall make laws for the government of the Fire Department, and all laws made by them shall be binding on every company and member of the department, and any engineer, officer, company or member of the Department who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or of said laws, or who shall refuse to obey the lawful orders of the Chief or other engineers, shall upon complaint, as hereinafter provided, be tried by the Board, and if found guilty be censured, suspended removed from office, or expelled from the Fire Department as the judgment of the Board may direct. They shall examine the returns and declare the result of all engineer's elections, certifying the same to the Mayor, who shall give them their certificates of office, and they shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed to them by this ordinance.

SEC. 7 All charges and specificatons of charges shall be preferred in writing to the Board of Delegates in the name of the Fire Department of the City of San Francisco, a copy of which shall be furnished the accused at least three days before trial. Charges and specifications of charges may be preferred at any meeting stated or special, when the Board of Delegates shall forthwith set a time for trial, which shall not be within seven days from the date the charges may be preferred. All witnesses shall be examined under each, and in the following order. 1st. Prosecution; 2d, Defence. Rebutting evidence may be admitted on either side and when the testimony shall have been closed, the board shall without debate proceed to find upon the guilt or innocence of the accused. If guilty the board shall then assess the punishment.

SEC. 8 The foreman of the several fire engines, hook and ladder and hose companies, when called together by the vote of any one company, shall have power to impeach any Chief Engineer or Assistant, for neglect or inability to discharge the duties of his office, or for an unwarrantable exercise of power, and when an impeachment shall be made, the party impeached shall after having received one week's notice of the same together with a written specification of the charges made, be tried before the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, and shall be liable to such action as the Board may deem proper.

SEC. 9. A member of a company may appeal to the Board of Delegates from any decision of his company, in which he is personally concerned, and if it be shown that the company have acted in violation of their own laws, or the laws of the Department, their action shall be declared illegal; but if the contrary be the case, it shall be approved, and no expelled member shall be permitted to join the Department within two years of the date of such expulsion, unless he be reinstated by the company, with the approval of the Board of Delegates An Engineer or company officer who may have been removed from office by the Board shall not thereby be deprived of membership, unless it be so ordered No person who shall have been a member of a disbanded company at the time of such disbandment, shall become a member of the Fire Department within two years of the date of such disbandment except by consent of the Board of Delegates. A registry of all disbanded or expelled members shall be kept by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates.

SEC. 10. Whenever any Chief or Assistant Engineer' company, officer, or member of the Department, shall be suspended from duty it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Delegates to note the same in a book provided for that purpose, and no time as a certified member or members of the Fire Department shall be allowed the party or parties suspended, provided however, such suspension has received the confirmation of the Board of Delegates. Nothing however in this Section shall be so construed as to deprive any suspended member of his right to vote at any Department or company election.

SEC. 11 The Chief Engineer shall, in all cases of fire have the sole and absolute command over all the engines, firemen and apparatus belonging to the Fire Department. During a conflagration, his station shall be in front of the fire, which is understood to be the side where the fire rages most; and in discharging a line, he shall transmit his orders through the engineer having charge of said line. It shall also be his duty to report to the Common Council at least once in each month, the number and condition of cisterns, fire engines, and other fire apparatus, and fire-engine houses also all accidents by fire that may have taken place in the city, with the cause thereof as well as they can be ascertained, and the number and description of the buildings destroyed or injured, together with the names of the owners or occupants, and also the estimated loss; and such other information and recommendations as he may deem necessary. In case the said Chief Engineer shall fail to make the required monthly report, for the period of two months consecutively, his office shall and in consequence thereof is hereof declared vacant; Whenever any of the fire engines, or other fire apparatus, may require repairs, he shall forthwith report the same to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and under their direction to superintend the repairs thereof: Provided the expense in any one case does exceed one hundred dollars, and the bills for such repairs to be certified to by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water. It shall also be his duty, should any emergency occur during a conflagration, which in his opinion, requires the removal of any building or buildings, or any combustible material, to cause such removal to be made. He shall have power to suspend any company for disobedience of orders, such suspension to last until a decision of the Board of Delegates is had thereon. Any company which shall, under any pretense whatever, remove their apparatus from the place in which it is deposited when suspended from duty, except such removal shall be by order of the Chief Engineer, shall be forthwith declared disbanded by the Board of Delegates, and all members of the same, or of the Fire Department assisting in such removal, shall be expelled by the Board of Delegates from the Fire Department. A notification of such suspension, together with the causes thereof, shall immediately be left with an officer of the company by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates, who shall also notify the President of the Board of Delegates of the same; and it shall be the duty of the President as soon as possible thereafter, to call a meeting of the Board of Delegates to try the cause. Neglect or refusal on the part of any company to answer a charge thus made, shall be considered as an acknowledgement of the charge, in which case they shall be suspended, or expelled, as the judgment of the Board may direct. The Chief Engineer shall receive for his services a yearly salary of Four Thousand Dollars, payable in the same manner as those of the other city officers

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water any breaches of the peace, or any improper conduct or practices about engine houses, on the part of any company; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to close the house or remove the apparatus of any company so offending, and report a statement of the facts to the Board of Delegates for their action.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Engineers on arriving at a fire, to report themselves to the Chief, for his orders, previous to entering upon their duties No Assistant Engineer shall interfere with or attempt to give orders relative to the formation of a line, when he has ascertained that another has command of it; and it shall be his duty to inquire of some officer in command of a company whether there is an Engineer in command of the line. When an Engineer, in discharge of his duty, issues an order, it shall be his duty to see such order fully and faithfully executed, and in case of disobedience, to report the names and facts through the Chief Engineer to the Board of Delegates. At all fires or alarms thereof it shall be the duty of the Engineers to transmit their orders to the several companies by their numbers, and to the officer in command if practicable. The Chief and his Assistants shall each, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the Mayor well and faithfully to perform such duties Whenever the Chief Engineer shall be absent from the City, or be prevented from attending to the duties of his office, the senior Assistant shall possess all the rights and powers perform all the duties, and (unless the Chief be prevented by sickness) receive the compensation of the Chief during such absence or disability.

SEC. 14. Whenever any chief or assistant engineer shall absent himself from the city for the term of more than ten days, without the permission of the Board of Delegates, they shall declare the office vacant, when an election to fill the vacancy shall be called as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 15. The Chief and Assistant Engineers shall have white caps with their grade of office painted thereon. The Foreman and Assistant of Engine Companies shall have a White front to their caps, with the number of their Company and their grade of office painted thereon. The Foreman and Assistants of Hook and Ladder Companies shall have a white front to their caps, and a hook and ladder, in addition to the number of their company and their grade of office, painted thereon. The Foremen of Hose Companies shall have a white front to their caps, and a coil of hose in addition to the number of their company and their grade of office painted thereon.

SEC. 16 The Secretary of the Board of Delegates shall keep a book containing the names of all the members of the Fire Department, under the head of the name and number of the company to which they may respectively belong; said book shall be so arranged as to show opposite his name the date on which each member joined the Department, which shall be understood to be the date on which his certificate was issued, also, the date of all the deaths, resignations and expulsions—the entry citing the fact opposite his name and date of membership. Said book shall be styled a book of Registry of the Fire Department, and shall be open at all times to the inspection of the public; he shall fill up and sign all certificates of membership, and by instruction of the Board of Delegates affix the seal of the Department to any document, and perform such other duties as the laws of the Department may prescribe.

SEC. 17. A Certificate of Register shall, upon the payment of two dollars to the Secretary of the Board of Delegates, be given to each active member duly certified to the Board. A diploma or certificate of services shall, upon application to the Secretary of the Board, be given to any registered member, who may have served the last twelve consecutive months preceding his application. An exempt certificate shall, upon application to the Board, be granted to any person who shall have been a registered member of the Department for the term of five years. No person but a certificate member shall, under any circumstances, be permitted to hold office in the Department, or in any Company thereof, or to vote at any company or department election, nor for any department officer unless he shall have been a certificate member at least ninety days last preceding such election. Engineers elect shall be entitled to certificates as members of the Fire Department said certificates to expire with their term of office. A registry of exempt names shall be kept by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates

SEC 18. The Secretary of each Company shall report to the Board of Delegates, semi-annually, in the months of November and May, the roll of his company, stating the number of men enrolled who are active firemen; also, the names of persons elected, resigned, suspended or expelled from the company, and such other information as he may deem expedient; and at least ten days previous to an election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, a certified list of the certificate members of his company, and the Secretary of the Board of Delegates shall compare the said list with the Book of Registry of the Fire Department and erase from the Book of Registry the names of all deceased, resigned, or expelled members. He shall also erase from the return of the Company, the names of all such as shall not have been members at least ninety days preceding such election, and after correcting such list shall supply the Judges of Election with a certified copy of the same, which list shall comprise the voters, and none others shall be entitled to vote at said election.

SEC 19. Each and every company shall keep their apparatus in good order and condition, so that it shall be ready for service at any moment, and the Secretary of each Company shall report to the Chief Engineer (in the months of January and July) the condition of the Company, and the number of times they have been in service with a list of members.

SEC. 20. No minors shall be permitted to assume the garb of firemen, have access to any of the places of deposite of the apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, or form associations for the purpose of running with any fire apparatus; and any Fire Company in the City of San Francisco who shall permit any violation of the provisions of this section, shall, at the option of the Board of Delegates be disbanded

SEC. 21 No Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder, or Hose Cart during any fire in this City, or any report of fire, or at any time under any pretence whatever, shall be taken or removed out of its house unless the Foreman or one of the Assistant Foremen, or at least two of the members of the Company to which it is attached shall be present and consent thereto, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be forfeited and paid by and recovered from any and every person aiding and assisting in, or consenting to the violation of any of the provisions of this section.

SEC. 22 No house in the possession of any Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder or Hose Company shall be used for any purpose not directly concerning the Company to whom the same appertains, without the previous consent, in writing, of the Foreman of such Company.

SEC. 23 Every Fireman, during the time of any conflagration, shall have all the powers of a policeman. They may prevent persons other than firemen (except it be policemen, owners of goods or owners of property, particularly interested in the removal of their goods) from coming into such portion of the city as may interfere with the the firemen in the extinguishment of fires, and they are hereby empowered to make arrests for any violation of this ordinance without complaint or citation.

SEC. 24 The Joint Committee on Fire and Water is authorized to sell for cash any old and condemned fire engines, hose carts, hook and ladder trucks, hose, or any other apparatus belonging to the Fire Department; and the money received for such engines or apparatus when sold, shall be deposited with the City Treasurer, and receipt therefor be deposited with the City Comptroller

SEC. 25. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a dray, cart, truck or other vehicle across any fire-hose, unless said hose is protected in such a way as to prevent all possibility of injury. For every violation of this section; the party so offending shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars, or to fine or imprisonment as the Recorder may determine.

SEC. 26. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use for private purposes the water from any public cistern in the City of San Francisco, and any person or persons convicted of so using such water, shall be subjected to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, nor less than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SEC 27. The Board of Delegates shall, at their stated meeting in November, in each and every year elect three persons to serve as Bell Ringers of the City Hall Bell, who shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board, and for a violation of the same, they shall be amenable to the Board. The salaries of said Bell Ringers shall be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per month each, to be paid out of the Fire Department Fund in the same manner as the salaries of the other City officers.

SEC. 28. All fines collected under all fire ordinances shall be appropriated to the Fire Department charitable fund; they shall be paid to the City Treasurer, who is hereby authorized and instructed to pay over the same to the to the Treasurer of the Fire Department Charitable Fund Association, taking his receipt therefor, which receipt shall be deposited in the office of the City Comptroller

SEC. 29. Title 1 of chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of San Francisco, be and is hereby repealed.

J C MAYNARD.
President (pro tem.) Board of Ass't Aldermen
JOSEPH F. ATWILL.
President Board of Aldermen.

Approved February 19th, 1855

S. P. WEBB.
Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally and returned by the Mayor with his approval, dated 19th February 1855

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